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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO SUPPORTS ALGERIAN INITIATIVE
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SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR ALGERIAN
CALL FOR SPECIAL UNGA MEETING ON COST OF RAW MATERIALS.

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END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS FEBRUARY 14 IN SPEECH ON ENERGY CRISIS (REFTEL B) ANNOUNCED THAT CABINET HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT ALGERIAN C LL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNGA TO REVIEW COSTS OF RAW MATERIALS. WILLIAMS NOTED THAT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THIRD WORLD OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WAS THREATENING TO SPREAD TO OTHER RAW MATERIALS SUCH AS BAUXITE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IF THE PRICE OF OIL IS OF CONCERN "WHY NOT WHEAT WHERE THE PRICES HAVE ALSO SKYROCKETED".

2. COMMENT: ALGERIAN INITIATIVE WAS MADE IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE (REFTEL A). GOTT DECISION WAS ALSO INFLUENCED BY CONFERENCE ("CONFRONTATION" ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS) BUT GOTT CONCERN ABOUT RISING FOOD COSTS AND ITS COMMITMENT TO THIRD WORLD INITIATIVES WERE ALSO MAJOR FACTORS IN ITS DECISION. T&T IMPORTS ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF ITS FOOD REQUIREMENTS. GOTT HAS HAD TO SHARPLY INCREASE SUBSIDIES FOR BASIC COMMODITIES, ESPECIALLY FLOUR AND RICE, DURING PAST YEAR AMID STRONG PUBLIC REACTION AGAINST HIGH FOOD PRICES. STEADILY INCREASING COST OF LIVING, GOTT DESIRE TO MAXIMIZE ITS PETROLEUM INCOME AND ITS CONTINUED POLICY OF IDENTIFYING WITH THIRD WORLD WILL PLACE T&T SOLIDLY IN THIRD WORLD CAMP ON INITIATIVES LIKELY TO COME UP DURING SPECIAL UNGA. GOTT EFFORTS TO GAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES (OPEC) MAKES IT LIKELY THAT GOTT WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH ARAB OIL STATES.
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